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SUBJECT: CCD: US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS, FOURTH ROUND: SECOND SESSION

1. SUMMARY: DURING SECOND SESSION OF CW CONSULTATIONS US EXPERTS MADE PRESENTATIONS ON PROPOSED SCOPE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND PROPOSED PROVISIONS REGARDING CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILES AND FACILITIES. SOVIET SIDE ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION, BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS: ENS SUMMARY

2. SECOND SESSION OF FOURTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS WAS HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 8. US SIDE BEGAN SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS ELABORATING ON LIST OF PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS PRESENTED AT FIRST SESSION.

3. US TECHNICAL EXPERT (MIKULAK) PRESENTED EXPLANATION OF US POSITION OF THE PROPOSED SCOPW OF THE CONVENTION. STATEMENT DEALT WITH PROPOSED BAN ON DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, ACQUISITION OR RETENTION OF CW AGENTS AND MUNITIONS. CHEMICALS TO BE COVERED WERE OUTLINED, AS WELL AS CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED FOR PURPOSE OF APPLYING PROVISIONS

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OF THE CONVENTION TO SPECIFIC CHEMICALS. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUESTIONS ON SCOPE, US SIDE EXPLAINED PROPOSAL INTENDED TO COVER PRECURSORS WHETHER USED IN BINARY MUNITIONS OR FOR CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS, AND THAT INCAPACITANTS WOULD BE COVERED BY GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION.

4. US MILITARY EXPERT (LEONARD) ELABORATED US POSITION ON

PROPOSED PROVISIONS DEALING WITH STOCKPILES AND FACILITIES.
HE EXPLAINED US VIEWS ON SCHEDULE FOR DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING
STOCKPILES AND DISPOSITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION
FACILITIES. US PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF STOCKS AND
FACILITIES WAS OUTLINED.

5. SOVIET EXPERT ASKED WHETHER DECLARATION OF STOCKS WOULD
APPLY ONLY TO THOSE STOCKS WITHIN THE STATE POSSESSED BY
THE STATE AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY OR ALSO TO STOCKS LOCATED
ON THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE. US REP (FISHER)
RESPONDED THAT DECLARATION WOULD COVER ALL STOCKS "UNDER
JURISDICTION OR CONTROL" OF THE STATE PARTY. A MORE DETAILED
RESPONSE WAS PROMISED AT THE NEXT SESSION.

6. SOVIET SIDE ALSO ASKED WHO WOULD RECEIVE INFORMATION
FURNISHED IN DECLARATIONS, CITING ALTERNATIVES OF BILATERAL
EXCHANGE, PROVISION TO ALL STATES PARTIES, TRANSMISSION
TO ALL UN MEMBERS, AND RELEASE TO PRESS. US SIDE STATED
IT WOULD RESPOND AT NEXT SESSION.

7. SOVIET SIDE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
KEY ELEMENTS, INDICATING THAT THEY WISHED TO HAVE US SIDE
FINISH ITS PRESENTATIONS FIRST. SORENSON

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